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In re Application of:
Canne, L., et al.

Serial No.: 09/987,675

Filed on: November 15, 2001

For: **Solid Phase Native Chemical Ligation Of
Unprotected Or N-Terminal Cysteine
Protected Peptides In Aqueous Solution**

Examiner: Gupta, Anish

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Atty Dkt. No.: 3504.283B

Reply

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In Response to the Official Action of June 2, 2004, issued with respect to the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following Reply comprising Introductory Comments and Remarks.

Introductory Comments

This Reply has been formatted in attempted compliance with the revised provisions of 37 CFR 1.121. There are no requested amendments to the Claims or Specification.

No fee, other than those provided for on the accompanying Fee Transmittal Form are believed to be due in order for the timely consideration of this Reply. If, however, the Director determines that such a fee is required, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge any (Large Entity) fee required for consideration of this submission to Deposit Account 50-0548.

Remarks

I. Status

Claims 23-26 and 29-56 are presently pending.

II. The Rejection of Claims 23-26 and 29-56 Pursuant To The Judicially Created Doctrine Of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 23-26 and 29-56 have been rejected pursuant to the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in light of claims 1-45 of U.S. Patent No. 6,326,468 and claims 27 and 29-60 of co-pending Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,655, in view of Barstow *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5, 064,940). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration.

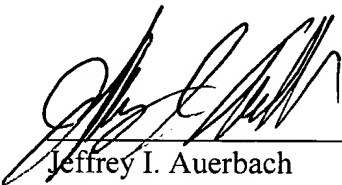
Applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention to the fact that the present application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 09/097,094, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,326,468. As the Examiner will note, the claims of the '094 application were subjected to a three way restriction requirement in which claims to methods, kits and apparatus were determined to be directed to separate and distinct inventions. A copy of the Restriction Requirement is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elected to pursue method claims in U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 09/097,094, and filed the present application (directed to kits) and Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,655 (directed to apparatus). Applicants accordingly submit that a rejection pursuant to the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in light of U.S. Patent No. 6,326,468 or U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,655 is barred by 35 U.S.C. §121, and that the rejection may therefore be properly withdrawn.

III. Concluding Remarks

Having now fully responded to all outstanding rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for Allowance, and earnestly solicit early notice of such favorable action. The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned with respect to any issues regarding this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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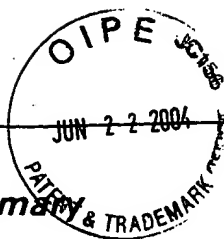
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☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

☐ This action is FINAL.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) 23-27 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12-17, and 28 is/are rejected.

☒ Claim(s) 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, and 18-22 is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☒ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 4

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-22, and 28, drawn to methods of assembling polypeptides, classified in class 514, subclass 12.
 - II. Claims 23-26, drawn to a kit for assembling peptides, classified in class 530, subclass 333.
 - III. Claim 27, drawn to an apparatus for assembling peptides, classified in class 422, subclass 62.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related by use of the same method for the assembly of polypeptides. The inventions are different because polypeptides may be assembled by materially different methods than those disclosed in the inventions. Polypeptides may also be synthesized via solution phase methods.
3. Inventions I and III are related in that the polypeptides may be synthesized using the apparatus of invention III. The inventions are different because polypeptides may be prepared by materially different methods such as those cited above, or by using methods disclosed by Applicant in Invention II.

The several inventions above are independent and distinct, each from the other. They have acquired a separate status in the art as a separate subject for inventive effect and require different searches. A search for each of the above is not co-extensive, particularly with regard to

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the literature search. A reference which would anticipate the invention of one group would not necessarily anticipate or make obvious any of the other groups.

Moreover, as to the question of burden of search, classification of subject matter is merely one indication of the burdensome nature of the search involved. The literature search, particularly relevant in this art, is not co-extensive and is much more important in evaluating the burden of search. Burden in examining materially different groups having materially different issues also exist.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, and because of their different divergent subject matter, election of a single group for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

3. During a telephone conversation with James Bradburn on 2/10/99, a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-22 and 28. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 23-27 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any

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amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12-17 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

7. Claim 4 recites the limitation "solid support" in line 28. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in this claim.

8. In claims 7, 8 and 10, the term "peptide segments" is unclear. It is not clear to which fragment Applicant is referring. Is it the first, second, third, etc., fragment?

9. In claims 12, 14 and 15, it is unclear whether the mass spectroscopic monitoring may be conducted at any step during the synthesis.

10. In claims 1, 13 and 28 the term "optionally" is confusing. It is perhaps best to delete the term since it would be obvious to repeat the steps b) and c) if more fragments are to be added.

11. Claim 3 recites the limitation "said assembled polypeptide" in line 25. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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12. Claims 1, 13, 16-17 and 28 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are: method or methods of obtaining the final assembled peptide. The rejection may be overcome by including the missing essential step as recited in claim 2.

13. In claim 28, the phrase "... of solid phase" is indefinite. The language needs to be clarified to fully convey its intended meaning.

Allowable Subject Matter

14. Claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 18-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Sequence Rule Compliance

This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

Applicant is given 3 MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter within which to comply with the sequence rules, 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g).

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Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no case may an applicant extend the period for reply beyond the SIX MONTH statutory period. Direct the reply to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the reply.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Fabian Jameison whose telephone number is (703) 305-0509. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. A message may be left on the Examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Supervisory Patent Examiner, Cecilia Tsang, may be reached at 703-308-0254.

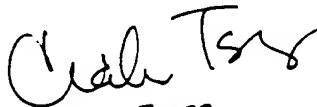
Papers relating to this application may be submitted to Technology Centre 1600 by facsimile. Papers should be sent via the PTO fax centre at 703-305-7401. The faxing of such papers must conform with the Notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989).

Fabian A. Jameison, Ph.D.

Patent Examiner

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February 10, 1999.


Cecilia J. Tsang
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NOTICE OF DRAFTERPERSON'S
PATENT DRAWING REVIEWThe drawing filed (date) 6/20/98A. 1.34 objected to by the Drafterperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.B. 1.34 objected to by the Drafterperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 as indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings where necessary. Corrected drawings must be submitted following the instructions on the back of this notice.1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings:
Black ink. Color.

Color drawing are not acceptable until petition is granted.

Fig.(s) _____

Pencil and non black ink is not permitted. Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b)

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3 full-tone sets are required. Fig(s) _____

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Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(c)

Paper not flexible, strong, white and durable.

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Fig(s) _____

4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

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21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)

All drawings sheets not the same size.

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5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

SIZE: A4 Size

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11

Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) 1.5-30

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6. VIEWS. CFR 1.84(h)

REMINER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.

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Fig.(s) _____

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Enlarged view not labeled separately or properly.

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Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object.

Fig.(s) _____

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Views not on the same plane on drawing sheet. Fig.(s) _____

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Fig.(s) _____

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l)

Lines, numbers, & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable and black (poor line quality)

Fig.(s) 1-30

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)

Solid black areas pale. Fig.(s) _____

Solid black shading not permitted. Fig.(s) _____

Shade lines, pale, rough and blurred. Fig.(s) _____

12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS.

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Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible.

Fig.(s) _____

Figure legends are poor. Fig.(s) _____

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Numbers, letters, and reference characters must be at least

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13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)

Lead lines cross each other. Fig.(s) _____

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14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.48(t)

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16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w)

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17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig.(s) _____

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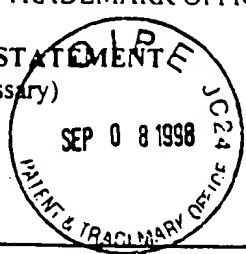
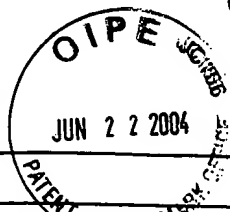
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